

## 301 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

301 Communications Squadron, Bombardment, Medium consolidated, 28 May 1948

Activated, 1 Aug 1948

Redesignated 301 Communications Squadron, 16 Mar 1950

Inactivated, 10 Feb 1951

Activated, 14 Feb 1952

Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952

301 Communications Flight constituted, 17 Jun 1976

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1977

Redesignated 301 Information Systems Squadron, 10 Apr 1985

Redesignated 301 Communications Squadron, 1 Feb 1987

Redesignated 301 Communications Flight, 1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 301 Communications Squadron, 1 Jan 2012

301 Communications Squadron and 301 Information Systems Squadron consolidated, 1 Feb 1987.

Consolidated unit designated 301 Communications Squadron.

Redesignated 301 Communications Flight, 1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 301 Communications Squadron, 1 Jan 2012

#### STATIONS

Smoky Hill AFB, KS, 1 Aug 1948

Barksdale AFB, LA, 7 Nov 1949-10 Feb 1951

Barksdale AFB, LA, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952

Carswell AFB (later, Carswell ARS; NAS JRB Fort Worth), TX, 1 Jul 1976  
NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

301 Air Base Group, 1 Aug 1948-10 Feb 1951  
301 Bombardment Wing, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952  
301 Combat Support Squadron, 1 Jul 1976  
301 Tactical Fighter (later, 301 Fighter) Wing, 10 Apr 198  
301 Support (later, 301 Mission Support) Group, 1 Aug 1992

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Fred S. Risinger, #1950  
Capt William Davies  
Lt Col Charles Hooper II, 5 Nov 2013

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
14 May 1992-13 May 1994  
30 Jun 1995-1 Jul 1997  
1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2002  
1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004  
1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2006  
1 Oct 2006-30 Sep 2008

### **EMBLEM**

The 301st Communications Squadron (CS) emblem consists of three distinctive elements, each symbolizing a unique aspect. The emblem consists of a padlock, AF yellow lightning bolts and a black grid globe emblazed upon an ultramarine background. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The ultramarine field represents the air domain, a hallmark of Air Force operations units. The first element, the padlock, represents the protection and defense of the Air Force cyberspace domain. The second element, the AF yellow lightning bolts, represent the transmission and reception of communications signals. The third element, the black grid globe represents the many different networks that are the fields of battle within the cyberspace domain.

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Jump Start, a 12-week exercise held at Duke Field, Fla., and ran by the 514th Communications Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J., teaches the basic knowledge of theater deployable communications.

This Air Force Reserve Command-sponsored event runs in two-week cycles helping familiarize communications personnel with new equipment. Theater Deployable Communication (TDC) equipment is the standard for expeditionary communications and is made up mostly of commercial off the- shelf (COTS) equipment. The team learned with both hands-on experience and manuals to configure equipment and gain an understanding of how systems go together as well as the scope of the new mission. The two-part classroom and exercise training encompasses three communication areas: voice, data and transmission systems. All teams started with a bare base during the exercise portion then had to set up a full communications infrastructure in a minimal amount of time.

Within the first 12 hours, the telephone maintenance team installed 50 telephones; the ground radio team set up two satellite phones, five ground radios, and programmed--within an hour-- over 100 land mobile radios; and, the computer team finished 100 LAN drops. Maj. Bill Davies, 301st CF commander, describes the pressure his nine-man team had to deal with during the exercise. "About 95 percent of all their systems were operational within the first 12 hours. This was a phenomenal feat that I have seen more experienced people fail to meet. I could not be more proud of our team."

Maj. Davies gives kudos to the 514th and their active-duty sister unit, the 21st Air Mobility Operations Squadron, for a tightly structured event. "A lot of credit goes to not only the trainees here, but for the trainers as well. They will have trained over 200 personnel on TDC equipment from all over AFRC in 12 weeks of Jump Start." Master Sgt. Dan Linkowski, Jump Start site superintendent and 301st CF mission systems NCOIC, was impressed with the training. "The results were fantastic. This exercise helped us meet our mission's war-time requirements." 2005

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